

DATE: May 5, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The South Carolina College and Career-Ready Assessment (SC READY) program is a statewide assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3-8 and science for students in grades 4 and 6. All students in grades 3-8 will participate in a stand-alone Text-Dependent Writing (TDW) ELA field test in addition to the operational ELA assessments.

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SC READY, which are untimed tests, will be administered in person in **ONLINE** format. Items on SC READY will include multiple choice, short answer, evidence-based selected response, and text-dependent analysis. Evidence-based selected responses will require students to read a piece of text or a passage and choose the best answer from answer choices. The text-dependent analysis will require students to read a piece of text or a passage and draw upon that text for their extended written responses. SC READY tests are aligned to state standards and what is taught in your child's classroom. An online video tutorial for the online administration of SC READY can be accessed via the following link: <https://wbte.drcedirect.com/SC/portals/sc/>.

SC READY must be taken in-person even if students are enrolled in full-time virtual/online learning instruction.

In accordance with SC test security law and State Board Regulations, students are prohibited from having any electronic device in their possession during testing. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, smart watches, wireless earbuds, and electronic translation devices. All electronic devices will be collected prior to testing by the test administrator for return to the student at the end of testing. Noncompliance with this requirement will result in discipline consequences. **This restriction does not apply to electronic medical devices that are documented for use in a student's IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Plan, such as those devices needed for monitoring diabetes as an example.**

Please contact **AP Andrea Gadsden** at **843.767.8383** or **andrea_gadsden@charleston.k12.sc.us** with any questions or concerns related to your child's testing administration schedule.

Your child is scheduled for in-person testing at **Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science** for the following test dates:

Assessment	Testing Dates
SC READY ELA Text-Dependent Writing (TDW) Field Test	Thursday, May 16th
SC READY ELA Writing	Monday, May 14th
SC READY ELA Reading	Tuesday, May 15th
SC READY Mathematics	Tuesday, May 21st

**Jerry Zucker Middle School
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SC READY Science (Grades 4 and 6)	Wednesday, May 22nd
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***** Information below for full-time virtual students only.**

Transportation for Full-Time Virtual Students

If needed, bus transportation for **full-time virtual students** will be provided on regularly scheduled school days at the published pick-up and drop off times and locations. **If your virtual student requires bus transportation for in-person state testing, please complete a [State Testing Transportation](#) form at least five school days prior to their scheduled test date.**

Bus transportation for **grades 3-8 full-time virtual students attending through Low Country Virtual** will be provided. Families should review the information related to bus stop locations and schedules below. All CCSD bus routes, stop times and locations can be found on the [CCSD Transportation](#) web page under the Bus Stop Lookup Tool.

If you believe that there is not a bus stop within 3/10 of a mile from your home, please submit a bus stop request through our [School Bus Stop Request Form](#). Bus stops will normally not be added if there is already an existing bus stop within 3/10 of a mile of your home. Magnet School bus stops are different from traditional neighborhood school bus stops. Magnet bus stops are centralized and they could be as far as 5 miles from the home and are considered “parent assisted” bus stops. These Magnet bus stop locations are not intended to be stops to which most students can walk to or be left unattended.

Please submit your bus stop request ten (10) days prior to your child’s scheduled test date.

Sincerely,

Principal Chris Haynes